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ASSEMBLED MONOLAYERS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Because of the voluminous number of references they are being forwarded to the PTO in 2 boxes. Box number 1 contains all the US patents and other references, and box number 2 contains all of foreign patents. A copy of this IDS and the 1449 are enclosed in each box.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 08/743,798, filed November 05, 1996, now Patent No. 6,096,273; U.S.S.N. 08/873,978, filed June 12, 1997; 08/899,510, July 24, 1997, now Patent No. 6,221,583; U.S.S.N. 08/911,085, filed August 14, 1997,

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now Patent No. 6,090,933; U.S.S.N. 09/557,577, filed April 21, 2000; U.S.S.N. 09/577,429, filed May 22, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 10/081,936, filed February 20, 2002.

2. U.S.S.N. 09/626,096, filed July 26, 2000.
3. U.S.S.N. 08/873,597, filed June 12, 1997; U.S.S.N. 08/911,589, filed August 14, 1997, now Patent No. 6,232,062; and 09/660,374, filed September 12, 2000.
4. U.S.S.N. 09/096,593, filed June 12, 1998, now published as 02-0009810.
5. U.S.S.N. 09/096,504, filed June 12, 1998, now Patent No. 6,013,459; U.S.S.N. 09/417,988, filed October 13, 1999, now Patent No. 6,248,229; and U.S.S.N. 09/841,809, filed March 24, 2001, now published as 02-0033345.
6. U.S.S.N. 09/135,183, filed August 17, 1998.
7. U.S.S.N. 09/306,653, filed May 06, 1999 and U.S.S.N. 09/452,277, filed November 30, 1999.
8. U.S.S.N. 09/245,105, filed January 27, 1999.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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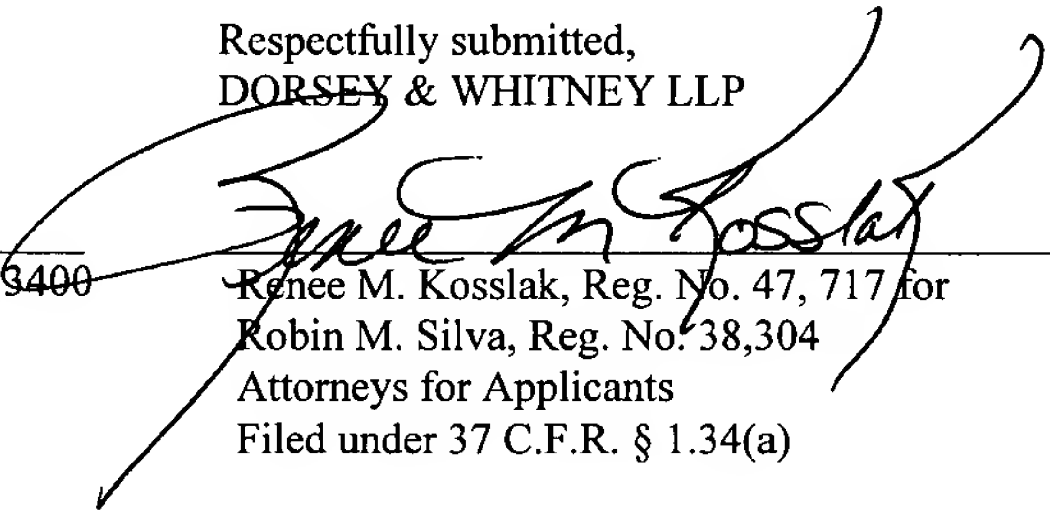
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